



City Clerk

**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/17/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve negotiation and execution of a contract with THE STATE OF TEXAS, MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION (MHMR), for the purchase of a 0.377 acre transmission/distribution easement located at the southwest corner of West 45th Street and Guadalupe Street, on the Austin State Hospital land, in an amount not to exceed \$87,000 including closing costs.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget of the Electric Utility Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:** Austin Energy

**DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Fowler, Public Involvement and Real Estate/ 322-6107

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

Austin Energy desires to purchase a 0.377 acre easement for the installation of transmission and underground distribution lines in conjunction with the substation being constructed on the Austin State Hospital property. On January 16, 2003, Council approved the purchase of a 1.79 acre substation easement for the installation of a 4-unit substation to replace the North Substation and to relieve development pressures in the Austin State Hospital area. The North Substation transformers are approaching 50 years in age, and the size of the substation does not allow for it to be rebuilt. In addition, the service load in the area makes it almost impossible for surrounding substations to pick up the load. Because of the proposed location of the substation, Austin Energy will be able to relocate the transmission circuit that currently runs through the North University and Hyde Park Neighborhoods away from the neighborhoods. The reroute will be West 38th, Guadalupe and Lamar Boulevard which are more commercial areas. Construction of the relocated lines has commenced, and this easement purchase is part of this project.

Austin Energy personnel and Austin State Hospital personnel continue to meet with Hyde Park Neighborhood and the North University Neighborhood to discuss the new substation, the rerouting of the transmission line and the decommissioning of North Substation. Because of the relocation of the transmission lines and the decommissioning of North Substation, the new location has been favorably received. The Parks and Recreation Department will be using the North Substation property as a pocket park.

Austin Energy and Mental Health and Mental Retardation personnel and the General Land Office agreed to the price based on the appraisal prepared by Morgan Bebee for the entire property.

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**Fiscal Note**

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Parent Project Name: **Distribution Substation**  
Project Authorization: 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 60,753,349.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 17,442,530.36
Amount of This Action		<u>(43,500.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 17,399,030.36</u>

**Use of Remaining Balance:**

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

**Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:**

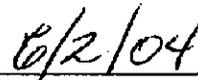
No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Parent Project Name: **Transmission**  
Project Authorization: 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 127,475,734.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 12,447,271.04
Amount of This Action		<u>(43,500.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 12,403,771.04</u>

**Use of Remaining Balance:**

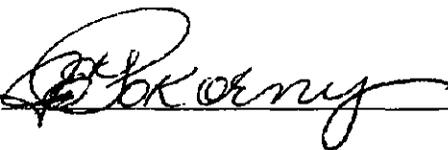
Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

**Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:**

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

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